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NETL AND PENNSYLVANIA

The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is one of 17 laboratories in the Department of Energy's national laboratory system. Together, these laboratories represent the most comprehensive research system of its kind in the world, and are unmatched in solving complex interdisciplinary problems. As part of the national laboratory system, NETL supports the Department of Energy's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

Having a national laboratory "in your backyard" means having ready availability to world-class scientific equipment and supercomputers, facilities, and multidisciplinary teams of scientists and engineers. NETL shapes, funds, and manages contracted research, development, and demonstration programs; conducts science and technology-development research onsite; and supports energy policy development. NETL is a world leader in the development of advanced fossil-energy technologies.

Local Economic Impact

NETL's Pittsburgh site employs about 550 people, directly contributing over \$50 million annually to the local economy through Federal and contractor payroll, small purchases, and conferences. NETL's business agreements with Pennsylvania's colleges and universities have a total value of more than \$295 million. Additionally, through conferences, meetings, and technology-transfer efforts, NETL positively impacts the local economy by drawing nearly 3,000 visitors to the Pittsburgh site each year.

State Economic Impact

Statewide, NETL has agreements and contracts valued at almost \$1.3 billion, with \$57 million obligated in fiscal year 2005. According to models developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, these awards generate 2,280 job-years within the state of Pennsylvania. Small businesses in Pennsylvania receive \$9 million annually in awards from NETL and total obligations of \$44 million.



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Implement a science and technology development program to resolve the environmental, supply, and reliability constraints of producing and using fossil resources.

NETL's ROLE IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Energy . . . fuel of the economic engine**

Improved and innovative technologies are key to ensuring that the Nation has clean, affordable, and reliable energy supplies. NETL's primary focus is on the production and utilization of fossil fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas. Our work ensures that these resources continue to serve U.S. energy interests and enhance economic growth and employment.

High Technology . . . engine of economic growth

NETL works closely with the Pittsburgh High Technology Council and a number of other regional organizations, including the Environmental Business Network and the Environmental City Initiative. NETL offers extensive energy and environmental expertise to the domestic and international undertakings of these organizations.

Small Business . . . core of the economic community

NETL is committed to fostering and enhancing sustainable economic development through regional partnerships that include business, academia, and government. An example of this commitment is NETL's participation in "Showcase of Commerce," an annual event that provides Pennsylvania small businesses a valuable networking opportunity. Through important activities such as this we strengthen NETL's and the region's science and technology capabilities, and introduce the advanced technologies we are developing in our science and technology-development programs to the region.

Education . . . foundation of sustainable development

NETL is a proactive supporter of educational initiatives at all levels. Outreach efforts include regional career programs, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl, the Triple E Seminar for science teachers, in-school demonstrations, used computer donations to area schools, work-study programs for high school and college students, and other initiatives that encourage students to consider careers in engineering and science.

Community Support . . . improving where we live

NETL is a member and participant in the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board. NETL employees proudly support the Combined Federal Campaign, the United Way Day of Caring, local emergency response organizations, local food drives, and other worthy causes.